

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7289–S7360

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3631–3638. **Page S7331**

Measures Passed:

National Audubon Society: Senate agreed to S. Res. 301, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Audubon Society. **Page S7357**

Captive Primate Safety Act: Senate passed S. 1509, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to add non-human primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife species. **Pages S7357–58**

Ed Fountain Park Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 2041, to provide for the conveyance of a United States Fish and Wildlife Service administrative site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada. **Page S7358**

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act: Senate passed S. 2430, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7358–59**

Free Newspaper Access for Disabled Persons: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. 2918, to provide access to newspapers for blind or other persons with disabilities. **Pages S7359–60**

VA Department Ceremony: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 427, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S7360**

Homeland Security Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7293–S7305, S7306–28**

Adopted:

By 68 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No.191), Vitter Modified Amendment No. 4548, to prohibit the United States Customs and Border Protection from preventing an individual not in the business of importing a prescription drug from importing an FDA-approved prescription drug. **Pages S7295–S7305**

Byrd Amendment No. 4557, to provide additional resources for border infrastructure and program integrity. **Pages S7306–07**

Byrd Amendment No. 4559, to provide additional funding for port security enhancements in fiscal year 2006. **Pages S7307–09**

Gregg (for Salazar) Modified Amendment No. 4555, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a report on activities to ensure that the agriculture quarantine inspection monitoring program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is operating effectively and to ensure that States are receiving adequate guidance. **Page S7316**

By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 192), Collins Amendment No. 4560, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the United States Emergency Management Authority. **Pages S7309–16, S7318–20, S7325–26**

Gregg/Byrd Amendment No. 4579, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to revise Management Directive 11056 to provide for the treatment of certain sensitive security information. **Pages S7327–28**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 193), Akaka (for Clinton) Amendment No. 4563, to establish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an independent agency. **Pages S7320–25, S7326**

Pending:

Feinstein Amendment No. 4556, to amend chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized construction, financing, or, with reckless disregard, permitting the construction or use on one's land, of a tunnel or subterranean passageway between the United States and another country and to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to modify the sentencing guidelines to account for such prohibition. **Pages S7316–18**

Cornyn Amendment No. 4577 (to Amendment No. 4556), to provide for immigration injunction reform. **Pages S7326–27**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 12, 2006. **Page S7360**

Appointments:

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295 b(h), of the U.S. Code, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Senators Lott and Inouye, both from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S7360**

Messages From the House: **Page S7330**

Measures Referred: **Pages S7330–31**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S7356–57**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—193) **Pages S7305, S7325–26, S7326**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 12, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7360.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: STATE/JUSTICE/COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration, H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INSURANCE REGULATION REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine insurance regulation reform issues, receiving testimony from Alessandro Iuppa, Maine Superintendent of Insurance, Augusta, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; John D. Johns, Protective Life Corporation, Birmingham, Alabama; Thomas Minkler, Clark-Mortenson Agency, Inc., Keane, New Hampshire, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Inc.; Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Alan F. Liebowitz, Old Mutual (Bermuda) Ltd., on behalf of the America Bankers Insurance Association, and Scott A. Sinder, Scott Group, on behalf of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers, all of Washington, D.C.; Joseph J. Beneducci, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Novato, California; Jaxon White, Medmarc Insurance Group, Chantilly, Virginia, on behalf of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America; Robert A. Wadsworth, Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, New Berlin, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; and Robert M. Hardy, Jr., Investors Heritage Life Insurance Company, Frankfort, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Alliance of Life Companies.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 on geothermal energy and other renewable energy production of Federal lands in the Western states, including the current state of and potential for geothermal development, challenges faced by developers of geothermal resources, Federal, state, and local government actions to address these challenges, and how provisions of the Act are likely to affect Federal geothermal royalty disbursement and collections, after receiving testimony from Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Sally Collins, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Walter S. Snyder, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the Inter-mountain West Geothermal Consortium; Chris Taylor, Horizon Wind Energy, LLC, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the American Wind Energy Association; Bernie Karl, Chena Hot Springs Resort, Fairbanks, Alaska; Paul A. Thomsen, ORMAT Technologies, Reno, Nevada, on behalf of the Geothermal Energy Association; Robert B. Liden, Stirling Energy Systems, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association; and V. John White,